



Aid to the
Church in Need

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Red Wednesday – November 19, 2025

As a Catholic and Pontifical Charity, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is especially concerned with poor, oppressed, and persecuted Christians.

Red Wednesday is an event aimed at highlighting the persecution and injustice suffered by Christians, while promoting respect and tolerance between people of different religions. We want people to take a stand for their faith, and more broadly, for religious freedom.

The poster has a red background. On the right, a man with a mustache and dark hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt, is shown from the chest up. He is looking upwards and to the right, holding a small, blue, beaded cross in his hands. In the top left corner, the ACN logo is displayed next to the text 'Aid to the Church in Need' and 'ACN CANADA'. Below this, the text 'You are the voice of persecuted Christians!' is written in large, white, bold letters. Further down, it says 'Join us on November 19th' in white. Below that, a black box contains the text 'RED WEDNESDAY' in red and '#RedWednesday' in white. At the bottom left, the website 'acn-canada.org/rw/' is listed. At the bottom right, there is a small copyright notice: '© Ismael Martínez Sánchez / ACN'.

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Currently, an estimated 327 million Christians worldwide live in countries where religious persecution is rampant. They are at risk of being attacked, arrested, imprisoned, tortured, and, in the worst cases, killed, solely on the basis of their beliefs.* It is also estimated that 75 percent of religiously motivated violence targets Christians, possibly making them the most persecuted religious group in the world.

In solidarity with Christians who suffer for their faith, we invite you to plan an activity linked to this theme and have proposed ideas below. You will also find helpful material on the landing page of the event: <https://acn-canada.org/rw/>.



This year, Red Wednesday will take place on **November 19, 2025** (3rd Wednesday of November).

What you can do

To maximize awareness of the persecution faced by Christians, we are coordinating as many events as possible to occur on the same day.

However, if you're unable to organize an activity on the exact day, we encourage you to do so anytime during Red Week, from **November 17 to 23**.

You can:

- ✂ Light a church, government building, or even your home in red—the colour associated with martyrdom;
- ✂ Organize a Mass, prayer vigil, or Rosary for persecuted Christians;
- ✂ Choose readings and special universal prayers to include in a Mass celebration;
- ✂ Wear red and invite others to do the same;
- ✂ Organize a presentation on religious persecution or religious freedom with the help of Aid to the Church in Need;
- ✂ Use social media to publicize the event and raise awareness of the cause (using the hashtag #RedWednesday);
- ✂ Hold a press conference;
- ✂ Organize a fundraiser to help the affected communities.

To help support your activities and participation, please visit our landing page at

acn-canada.org/rw or call 1-800-585-6333, ext. 227 for assistance or materials, including:

- Posters to publicize your event;
- Texts describing the issue;
- Examples of persecution against Christians;
- Texts to celebrate a Mass, to pray the Rosary, or for a prayer vigil;

We can also offer you red scarves to wear as a sign of our solidarity.



Our dream is to rally dioceses and parishes from across Canada to have a greater impact on our respective communities and to make the plight of our brothers and sisters who suffer for their faith known. Furthermore, we are showing them that they are not forgotten.



Join #RedWednesday

Let us know what you are planning, and we'll publicize it!

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Society and Religious Persecution

In our secular society, injustices and persecution against believers are largely ignored—possibly because religion is absent from the public arena. It is also because people are less and less educated about religion. As a result, it is difficult for most Westerners to fully grasp the nature and scale of the situation today.

Therefore, *Red Wednesday* aims to make Christians aware of what is occurring around the world, and to encourage them to take action through prayer and action, for example by supporting Aid to the Church in Need's projects in countries where persecution is rife.

Objectives:

✚ To strengthen the faith of believers through the example of other believers who suffer persecution, but who remain strong in their faith;

✚ To inform and educate the public about the importance of religious freedom as a fundamental human right (Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), and to raise awareness about ongoing violations—particularly through the lens of Christians persecution—using reports such as *Persecuted and Forgotten?* and *Religious Freedom in the World* by Aid to the Church in Need*;

✚ To make known the work of Aid to the Church in Need and the various aspects of its mission, especially with persecuted communities around the world;

✚ To encourage Christians of all ages and traditions to stand up for their faith, to advocate for religious freedom, and to support the right of Christians worldwide to practise their faith peacefully, free from fear, harassment, or obstruction.

*To learn more, please visit <https://acn-canada.org/publications-2/> to read or download the latest *Persecuted & Forgotten?* Report and the ACN's 2023 *Religious Freedom Report in the World*.



St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in Toronto, November 15, 2023.